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PEOPLE'S DAILY CALLS FOR EXPULSION OF LON NOL CLIQUE FROM UN

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[Text] Peking, October 21, 1973 (HSINHUA)--The PEOPLE'S DAILY today carries an article by its commentator entitled "The Lon Nol Clique Should Be Expelled From UN." The article reads: [Peking NCNA Domestic Service in Chinese at 1916 GMT on 20 October carries an identical version of this article, but identifies it as "full text"]

On October 17, 1973, the plenary meeting of the UN General Assembly adopted by a majority vote a resolution deciding to include in the agenda of the current session the question of the "Restoration of the Lawful Rights of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the United Nations." This is a victory of the Cambodian people in the struggle to restore their legitimate rights in the United Nations.

The Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia is the sole legal government of Cambodia and is entitled to enjoy its legitimate rights in the United Nations. In March, 1970, the Lon Nol clique launched a reactionary coup d'etat and illegally usurped Cambodia's seat in the world organization. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, in the name of head of state, has called upon the Cambodian people to rise up and fight against the Lon Nol traitorous clique. The Cambodian people, rallying around the Royal Government of National Union and giving full play to patriotism and revolutionary heroism, have for more than 3 years fought valiantly and stubbornly against the enemy and an excellent situation has emerged from the fighting. The Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces have rapidly grown in strength in the course of the fighting. The Royal Government of National Union now controls over more than 90 percent of the territory of the country and enjoys the warm support of the Cambodian people. In the liberated areas embracing over 80 percent of the country's population, administrative organs have been set up at all levels through democratic elections and have been effectively exercising the power of government. All this has been achieved under the leadership of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia.

The Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia under the leadership of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk consistently follows the policy of independence, peace, neutrality and nonalignment, supports the people's revolutionary struggles of all countries, making positive contributions to the cause of the world's people against imperialism, and thus has won widespread international support and praise. It has been recognized by nearly 50 countries. Not long ago, the delegation of the Royal Government of Cambodia led by Samdech Sihanouk achieved tremendous successes at the Fourth Conference of the Heads of State and Government of Nonaligned Countries. Immediate admission of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia as the sole legal government of Cambodia was demanded by the Fourth Conference of the Heads of State and Government of Nonaligned Countries attended by more than 70 countries. Facts clearly show that the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia enjoys increasingly high international prestige. It is indeed sheer nonsense for the Lon Nol clique to call the Royal Government of National Union a "government in exile." It is entirely illegal for the Lon Nol traitorous clique to occupy Cambodia's seat in the United Nations. This handful of traitors who wrecks the country and ruins the people are wholly backed by foreign forces. They are not only betrayers of the cause of national independence of Cambodia, but also saboteurs of Cambodia's policy of independence, peace, neutrality and nonalignment. They represent no one but themselves. The Lon Nol clique asserted that they held control of most of the country. This is an out and out lie.

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It is known throughout the world that the Lon Nol clique, spurned by the Cambodian people, has retreated to and entrenched itself in a few isolated cities such as Phnom Penh. It has been driven to the wall and its days are numbered. It is only owing to U.S. support that it can prolong its precarious existence and wage a desperate deathbed struggle. To allow such a traitorous clique to continue to occupy the UN seat is nothing but an insult to the Cambodian people, and a mockery of the United Nations.

The restoration of the legitimate rights of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the United Nations is entirely justifiable. In order to uphold international justice and defend the principles of the UN Charter, the present absurd situation in which the Lon Nol clique has usurped a seat in the United Nations should be brought to an end, the legitimate rights of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in the United Nations should be restored immediately, and the representatives of the Lon Nol clique should be expelled from United Nations and all its affiliated organs. This is not only the Cambodian people's will and demand, but also the common desire of all countries and peoples which uphold justice.